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1. The 312 Division is moving towards Son La.
 - a. The 141 and 165 Regiments left Phu Tho on 28 December in the direction of Son La.
 - b. The greater part of the 209 Regiment is also en route to Son La, while another part of the regiment is still at Phu Tho.
2. The 308 Division is moving but the direction is unknown.
 - a. Two battalions of the 36 Regiment remain at Lam Thao (N 20-59, E 106-10).
 - b. One battalion of the 88 Regiment is at Dai Tu, near Thai Nguyen.¹
3. The 304 Division
 - a. The 9 Regiment left Thanh Hoa in the direction of Hoa Binh.
 - b. The 57 Regiment remains near Yen Mo and Yen Khanh in the Phat Diem area.
 - c. The 66 Regiment is at Vinh.²
4. The entire 320 Division has infiltrated the French-controlled zone in the provinces of Thai Binh, Nam Dinh and Hung Yen.
 - a. The 48 Regiment is spread out between Chuong My and Binh Giang.
 - b. The 52 Regiment is at Tien Hai.
 - c. The 64 Regiment is spread out in the Truc Ninh area.

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
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 Comment. DRV units are moving so constantly and erratically that it is impossible to ascertain their intentions.

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